

Federal Management Regulation

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§ 102-33.185 What standards must we establish or require (contractually, where applicable) for responding to aircraft accidents and incidents?

For responding to aircraft accidents and incidents, you must establish or require (contractually, where applicable) the following:

(a) An aircraft accident/incident reporting capability to ensure that you will comply with the NTSB's regulations (in 49 CFR parts 830 and 831), including notifying NTSB immediately when you have an aircraft accident or an incident as defined in 49 CFR 830.5.

(b) An accident/incident response plan, modeled on the NTSB's "Federal Plan for Aviation Accidents Involving Aircraft Operated by or Chartered by Federal Agencies," and periodic disaster response exercises to test your plan. You can see a copy of the NTSB's plan on the Web at <http://www.nts.gov/publictn/1999/SPC9904.pdf> or htm.

(c) Procedures (see 49 CFR 831.11) for participating as a party in NTSB's investigations of accidents or incidents involving aircraft that your agency owns or hires and for conducting parallel investigations, as appropriate.

(d) Training in investigating accidents/incidents for your agency's personnel who may be asked to participate in NTSB investigations.

(e) Procedures for disseminating, in the event of an aviation disaster that involves one of your Government aircraft, information about eligibility for benefits that is contained in the disclosure statement in § 102-33.165(e) to anyone injured, to injured or deceased persons' points of contact (listed on the manifest), and to the families of injured or deceased crewmembers and qualified non-crewmembers.

NOTE TO § 102-33.185: This part does not supersede any of the regulations in 49 CFR part 830 or part 831. For definitions of terms and complete regulatory guidance on notifying NTSB and reporting aircraft accidents and incidents, see 49 CFR parts 830 and 831.

ACCOUNTING FOR THE COST OF GOVERNMENT AIRCRAFT

§ 102-33.190 What are the aircraft operations and ownership costs for which we must account?

You must account for the operations and ownership costs of your Govern-

ment aircraft as described in the "Government Aircraft Cost Accounting Guide" (CAG), which follows OMB Circular A-126 and is available from GSA, Aircraft Management Policy Division (MTA), 1800 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20405.

§ 102-33.195 Do we need an automated system to account for aircraft costs?

If you own Federal aircraft or operate bailed Federal aircraft, you must maintain an automated system to account for aircraft costs by collecting the cost data elements required by the Federal Aviation Interactive Reporting System (FAIRS). The functional specifications and data definitions for a FAIRS-compliant system are described in the "Common Aviation Management Information Standard" (C-AMIS), which is available from GSA, Aircraft Management Policy Division (MTA), 1800 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20405. See §§ 102-33.395 and 102-33.460 for more information on FAIRS and C-AMIS. Agencies who use only CAS aircraft and do not have Federal aircraft must keep records adequate for reporting information through FAIRS, but are not required to have an automated system (see §§ 102-33.435 and 102-33.440 for the information on CAS that you must report through FAIRS).

§ 102-33.200 Must we periodically justify owning and operating Federal aircraft?

Yes, after you have held a Federal aircraft for five years, you must justify owning and operating the aircraft by reviewing your operations and establishing that you have a continuing need for the aircraft, as required in OMB Circular A-76. You must also establish the cost-effectiveness of all your aircraft operations following OMB-approved cost justification methodologies, which are described in OMB Circular A-76 every five years.

§ 102-33.205 When we use our aircraft to support other executive agencies, must we recover the operating costs?

(a) Under 31 U.S.C. 1535 and other statutes, you may be required to recover the costs of operating aircraft in support of other agencies. Depending on the statutory authorities under

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which you acquired and operate your aircraft, you will use either of two methods for establishing the rates charged for using your aircraft:

- (1) The variable cost recovery rate; or
 - (2) The full cost recovery rate.
- (b) See the Government Aircraft CAG, which is available from GSA, Aircraft Management Policy Division (MTA), 1800 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20405, for definitions of these terms.

ACCOUNTING FOR THE USE OF GOVERNMENT AIRCRAFT

§ 102-33.210 How do we account for the use of our Government aircraft?

To account for the use of Government aircraft, you must document all flights and keep this documentation for two years after the date of the flight. For each flight, record the—

- (a) Aircraft's registration mark;
- (b) Owner and operator (e.g., the owner may not be the operator, as is the case when a CAS aircraft, owned commercially, is operated by U.S. Government personnel);
- (c) Purpose of the flight (i.e., the Governmental function that the aircraft was dispatched to perform);
- (d) Departure and destination points;
- (e) Flight date(s) and times;
- (f) A manifest (see §§ 102-33.165(g) and (h)); and
- (g) Name(s) of the pilot(s) and crewmembers.

§ 102-33.215 May we use Government aircraft to carry passengers?

Yes, you may use Government aircraft to carry passengers with the following restrictions:

- (a) You may carry passengers only on aircraft that you operate or require contractually to be operated according to the rules and requirements in Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR chapter I).
- (b) For certain kinds of travel, your agency must justify passengers' presence on Government aircraft (see OMB Circular A-126 and the Government Aircraft Cost Accounting Guide (CAG) published by GSA for complete information on authorizing travel and analyzing costs before authorizing travel on Government aircraft).

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§ 102-33.220 What are the responsibilities of an agency's aviation program in justifying the use of a Government aircraft to transport passengers?

(a) Upon request from an agency's travel approving authority, the agency's aviation program must provide cost estimates to assist in determining whether or not use of a Government aircraft to carry passengers is justified. See OMB Circular A-126 for more information on justifying travel on Government aircraft. See also the Government Aircraft Cost Accounting Guide (CAG) published by GSA (defined in § 102-33.20) for guidance on estimating the cost of using a Government aircraft. The cost of using a Government aircraft is—

- (1) The variable cost of using a Federal aircraft;
 - (2) The amount your agency will be charged by a CAS provider; or
 - (3) The variable cost of using an aircraft owned by another agency as reported by the owning agency if you are not charged for the use of the aircraft.
- (b) In weighing alternatives for travel on Government aircraft, you must also consider the following:
- (1) If no follow-on trip is scheduled, all time required positioning the aircraft to begin the trip and to return the aircraft to its normal base of operations.
 - (2) If a follow-on trip requires repositioning, the cost for the repositioning should be charged to the associated follow-on trip.

(3) If an aircraft supports a multi-leg trip (a series of flights scheduled sequentially), the use of the aircraft for the total trip may be justified by comparing the total variable cost of the entire trip to the commercial aircraft cost (including charter) for all legs of the trip.

(4) The use of foreign aircraft as CAS is authorized when the agency has determined that an equivalent level of safety exists as compared to U.S. operations of a like kind. The safety of passengers shall be the overriding consideration for the selection of travel mode when comparing foreign sources of scheduled commercial airlines and CAS.